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Dear Tribal Advisory Committee Member:

On behalf of the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC or Commission), we would like to thank the Tribal Advisory Committee (TAC or Committee) for its recent regulatory review of Part 543, Minimum Internal Control Standards (MICS) for Class II Games.

The Commission understands the importance of Minimum Internal Control Standards for Class II Games in ensuring the integrity and security of Indian gaming. We appreciate the Committee’s assistance in providing recommendations to revise this regulation to further ensure high standards are maintained in the industry. A comprehensive review of the recommendations submitted by the TAC is currently underway and we may request additional questions or clarifications from the Committee.

While this Committee’s work provides valuable input, we recognize that the Tribal Advisory Committee is only one component of our overall regulatory review process and cannot substitute for meaningful, government-to-government consultation with tribes. Therefore, after our review of the TAC’s recommendations is complete and any subsequent regulatory modifications are made, and as has been the practice of this Commission, we will commence consultations meetings with tribal governments.

Again, we sincerely appreciate your dedication to this process and commend each member and their sponsoring tribe for their valuable contribution to this important process. We look forward to your tribes continued participation throughout the Commission’s regulatory review.

Sincerely,

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Chairwoman

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Vice-Chairwoman

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